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Mexico Rejects Pork Safeguard Request

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Report Highlights:

On December 19, 2002, the Mexican Swine Producers Council (CMP) approached the Secretariat of Economy (SE) and requested the initial investigation for a special safeguard proceeding on pork. On January 23, 2004 Mexico published in the *Diario Oficial* its final Resolution on the request, rejecting the request for an investigation.

Includes PSD Changes: No Includes Trade Matrix: No Unscheduled Report Mexico [MX1] **Introduction:** This report summarizes a resolution published in Mexico's "Diario Oficial" (Federal Register) on January 23, 2004.

Disclaimer: This summary is based on a *cursory* review of the subject announcement and therefore should not, under any circumstances, be viewed as a definitive reading of the regulation in question, or of its implications for U.S. agricultural export trade interests. In the event of a discrepancy or discrepancies between this summary and the complete regulation or announcement as published in Spanish, the latter shall prevail.

FAS/Mexico's Executive Summary: The Secretariat of Economy (SE) published the final resolution that notifies the rejection of the safeguard investigation requested by the Mexican Swine Producers Council (CMP) on December 19, 2002, against the United States and Canada on hams, shoulders, pieces thereof with bone-in, full and half carcasses, fresh, chilled or frozen, among others under the tariff classifications: 0203.11.01, 0203.12.01, 0203.19.99, 020321.01, 0203.22.01, and 0203.29.99.

Title:

Resolution that rejects the initial safeguard investigation on imports of pork meat on hams, pork shoulders, pieces thereof with bone-in, full and half carcasses, fresh, chilled or frozen, among others, currently classified under the tariff numbers: 0203.11.01, 0203.12.01, 0203.19.99, 020321.01, 0203.22.01, and 0203.29.99. Under the Law of General Duties on Imports and Exports, originating from the United States and Canada.

Type of Ruling: Final

Important Dates:

Publication of Final Resolution: January 26, 2004
Effective Date of Final Resolution: January 27, 2004

Agency in Charge: Secretariat of Economy (SE)

DECISION:

The administrative procedures of the investigation and review of the special safeguard request is concluded and rejected.

Comment: Mexico's pork producers have been seeking some type of protection from imported pork for about two years. CMP has also petitioned SE to initiate a dumping investigation on imports of U.S. pork (see MX3004). At the writing of this report, SE had not yet made a decision on the anti-dumping request which is separate from the safeguard request.

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